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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.112**

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of May 2, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 4, 2008 (August 2, 2008, being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper:

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper: